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SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION

REF: (1) MARCH 11 ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULETIN OFICIAL DEL ESTADO; (2) TRANSMITTAL SLIP DATED MARCH 18, 1977 (CHARLES R. MEYER TO DEPARTMENT), ATTACHMENT NO. 6, "PROJECTS PRESENTED TO THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE."

1. WE HAVE NOW HAD A CHANCE TO COMPARE THE PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES AGREED UPON AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN NOVEMBER 1976, AND THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE MARCH 11 ANNOUNCEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, THERE IS SOME DEVIATION BETWEEN THE TWO. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH--THE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE MAY 11 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS YEAR AND THE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE INITIAL EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT PROPOSALS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF THAT ANNOUNCEMENT--IS A PURELY SPANISH

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BODY. THE LACK OF U.S. REPRESENTATION ON THE ADVISORY COMMISSION WOULD APPEAR TO RENEGE ON THE UNDERSTANDING WE HAD THAT THE INITIAL SCREENING WOULD BE BY A BODY ON WHICH BOTH THE U.S. AND SPAIN ARE REPRESENTED. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT A SPANISH SCREENING OF "SPANISH" PROPOSALS AND A U.S.

SCREENING OF "U.S." PROPOSALS INCREASE THE TENDENCY TOWARD

UNILATERALLY DEVELOPED PROJECTS AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE DEVELOPED BINATIONALLY.

2.WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THESE POINTS TO DE LA SERNA AND HIS COLLEAGUES. YOU MIGHT POINT OUT THAT THE U.S. HAS ACCEPTED THE MARCH 11 ANNOUNCEMENT AS DRAFTED IN THE INTEREST OF GETTING THE FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM GOING AND DESPITE THE ABOVE RESERVATIONS, BUT THAT WE WOULD HOPE THAT NEXT YEAR'S ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE DEVELOPED IN CONCERT WITH US SO THAT THE IDEAS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD BE REFLECTED.

3.A SECOND PROBLEM WOULD APPEAR TO ARISE DIRECTLY FROM THE FIRST PROBLEM: NOT ONLY IS THE ADVISORY COMMISSION A PURELY SPANISH BODY BUT IT IS NOT ONE OF THE GROUPS WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE CONCEPTUALIZATION, FORMULATION AND BARGAINING THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH SPAIN. THE ADVISORY COMMISSION IS A RELATIVE NEWCOMER TO THE TREATY ARRANGEMENT AND YET IT IS BEING CHARGED WITH EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING FROM AMONG THE MYRIAD OF PROJECT PROPOSALS RECEIVED TO DATE. WE REFER TO THE RECENTLY RECEIVED LIST ENTITLED: "PROJECTS PRESENTED TO THE SPANISH SIDE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE." EVEN THE MOST CURSORY PERUSAL OF THE LIST OF PROJECTS PRESENTED BRINGS SHARPLY TO OUR ATTENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEING THE FIRST YEAR'S FUNDS USED TO PLOW WATER. WE FEEL THAT THE TIME IS APPROPRIATE TO REFOCUS OUR ATTENTION TO THE OPENING COMMENTS BY FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON BEFORE THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION IN MADRID ON  
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NOVEMBER 10, 1976. WE SHOULD EXAMINE EACH PROPOSAL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF "WHAT CONTRIBUTION CAN THIS PROJECT MAKE TOWARD THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR OVERALL EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE GOALS"? WE FEAR THAT UNLESS WE DO THIS FUNDS WILL BE FRITTERED AWAY ON NUMEROUS SMALL PROJECTS AND WILL ALLOW NO MONEY FOR PROJECTS OF MAJOR IMPACT.  
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